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symbolic representation of the lower class stored in
the memory unit,

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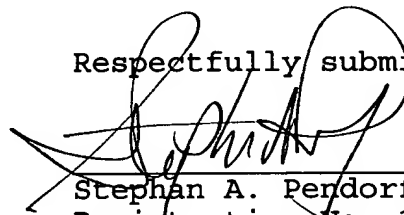
bb) upon unsuccessful classification, wherein the
class could not be correctly recognized with a high
degree of confidence) the characterizing data for the
lower class are substituted by the original image data
from the image sensor.--

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended to conform
the original translated specification and claims to U.S.
requirements, i.e., appropriate section headers are added,
reference in the specification to the claims have been amended in
order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims
improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to
otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been
taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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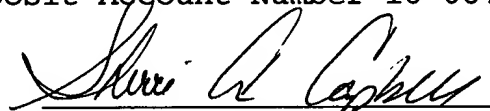
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.


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